House Members of the Iowa Congressional delegation today sent the following letters to President Barack Obama asking that two major disaster declaration requests made by Iowa Governor Chet Culver be approved for Iowa counties that have recently suffered significant damage from severe winter weather. Culver made the official request for the declarations on Thursday. The letters follow:

January 29, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C. Dear Mr. President,

We respectfully request that you grant the request made January 28, 2010, by lowa Governor Chet Culver, for a declaration of a major disaster for the State of lowa as a result of damages from a severe winter storm and snow storm that began December 23 and continued through December 27, 2009, in Adair, Audubon, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Emmet, Franklin, Fremont, Guthrie, Harrison, Ida, Lyon, Mills, Monona, Osceola, Page, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Pottawattamie, Sac, Shelby, Sioux, and Woodbury Counties. Governor Culver has determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments and that supplementary Federal assistance is needed.

We thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Members of Congress

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